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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

With a monopoly or oligopoly controlling national phone and network providers, there is clear evidence that the only efforts made by corporations in this space are to maximize costs and minimize service. Under large companies in this space, prices to consumers have no relation to market competition and the quality of service does not come close to comparing to small providers such as sonic. At present, an equivalent service from a large provider such as AT&T costs over twice what I pay at sonic.

I posit that any claim that broadband competition is not needed would be sorely negligent or corrupt. A simple attempt to reach a correct answer from an organization's customer support provides a clear picture: the oligopolies cannot provide a correct answer to simple questions within an hour and in fact do not concern themselves with support for their customers, while smaller service providers give consumers ready access to knowledgeable staff...for better/faster broadband and at lower cost. Limiting competition to smaller number of companies will directly slow development and availability of faster services, in lieu of lower costs and higher profits for the small number of companies. I am pleased with the FCC's performance protecting customers under section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and believe defending competitive broadband services is consistent with the FCC's charter.

Please defend broadband competition. To do otherwise, I believe would be inconsistent with the FCC charter at this time.

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